



USS Piedmont AD-17

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USS Piedmont AD-17 Newsletter

April 30 2023

Greetings to all, by now you have received the information concerning the Nashville reunions, I am assuming that everyone understands how to register and submit payment and understand submission dates (I have received no phone calls or emails). The plans for Nashville are complete and I believe we have a good time planned for all who attend. This is the first reunion we have organized using a reunion planner in hopes that we could receive more bang for our buck and I believe we have done just that. When reviewing the pricing don't be shocked and remember it includes hotel costs, transportation around Nashville, admission to all venues we will visit, two lunches, all breakfasts, and two dinners at the hospitality room as well as the final banquet. Keeping that in mind and remembering that Nashville has very high hotel costs sit back and add up the savings that we have obtained. We had to make a change to our tours due to Grand Ole Opry closing for special filming so we will visit President Andrew Jackson Mansion Hermitage instead.

The dates are 28 September-02 October 2023 and we have arranged to have hotel rates (\$162.00) good 3 days before and 3 days after for those members who want more time before or after the reunion and yes that includes free breakfast.

Thursday September 28 2023

Check in Four Points Nashville Airport (call 615-884-9777) for free airport shuttle. Hospitality room opens at 1500 and at 1730 the USS Piedmont will sponsor a pizza/ wings/ and meatballs dinner. Then relax and catch up with old shipmates and friends and we will update you on plans for Nashville.

Friday September 29 2023

Bus pickup at hotel and first stop is RCA studio tour (studioB.org) this is where the icons of country/gospel music recorded sound tracks. Then on to the Tennessee State Museum (tnmuseum.org) with various exhibits halls from very beginnings of Tennessee to present day. Next we will all have lunch at Pucketts restaurant and afterwards you will enjoy bus tour of Nashville with tour guide explaining the good and the not so good of Nashville. Upon return to hotel Dinner will be on your own and of course the hospitality room will be open for socializing.

Saturday September 30 2023

Bus pickup at hotel and then we tour President Andrew Jackson mansion, Hermitage (thehermitage.com). Then back on the bus we will visit the Parthenon (nashvilleparthenon.com). Next is lunch and tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame. (countrymusicHalloffame.org). The museums extensive collection includes nearly 500 musical instruments and more than 1900 items on stage wear from microphones to automobiles. At 1730 the USS Dixie will host Spaghetti/Meatball/Alfredo and salad dinner. Our first raffle for gifts will be held after dinner.

Sunday October 01, 2023 Business Meeting, election of Officer's, and selection of location of 2024 reunion, we will hold raffle drawing for free hotel nights. Free day for you to explore Nashville on your own. Hospitality room will be open until 1500. Banquet will be held at VFW starting at 1730. Attire in casual, no jeans please.

Deaths to report since last newsletter

None to report.

A reminder to keep your dues current and your contact information up to date you never know when someone might want to contact you and out of date contact information may prevent this.

Some important dates to remember for the upcoming reunion reservations and minimum deposit (\$50.00) must be made by 01 June and final payment (in full) is due NLT 10 August.

We will have 2 raffles, one for gifts brought by Piedmont members this helps in reducing cost of hospitality room and the drawing held Saturday in hospitality room. Second for Free hotel night (2 chances) it also includes a 50/50 drawing held at business meeting on Sunday.

Our final banquet will be a buffet and a cash bar is available at the VFW

Hats and Polo shirts are available for sale for \$26.00 plus \$8.00 postage for those who want to purchase prior to the Nashville reunion and yes they will be available at the reunion. Stocks have been replenished and reflect price increase.

In closing, mail registration form to address on form not to our treasurer. If you have any questions give me a call. Those Shipmates attending Nashville will receive a special gift made just for Piedmont crewmembers.

USNA Grad Walks Into a Bar

The Annapolis grad walked into the bar, sat down and said, "Hey barkeep, you hear the joke about the four West Point players in a farmhouse?" Chairs scraped behind him, and four of the biggest, meanest guys in the bar stood up.

"We played for Army. You sure you wanna tell that joke?"

The Navy grad smirked in disbelief and said, "What, and have to explain it four times?"

An Army football player was almost killed in a tragic horseback riding accident. He fell from the horse and was nearly trampled to death. Thank God the manager of the KMart came out and unplugged it.

A Cadet and a Mid were strolling down the street when the Mid said, "How sad, a dead bird." The Cadet looked up and said, "Where, where?"

Navy is playing Army, which has a first down with three minutes left in the half. An Army fan sets off a firecracker, and Navy, thinking it's the end of the half, runs off the field. Three plays later, Army punts.

This will be the last Newsletter prior to our reunion in Nashville. If information is needed to pass on to you it will go out with email and we will update our Facebook page and our web page usspiedmont.org

We have encountered issues with payment checks being returned a new address is on registration from also deadline for registration in changed to 01 June.

Complete Reunion Package

Includes: 4 Nights Lodging,
2 Days of Area Transportation
5 Attractions, Guided City Tour
Breakfast each A.M
4 Group Meals + Banquet Dinner
Event sponsored by USS Piedmont

USS Dixie and USS Piedmont Nashville Tn Reunion Sept 28- Oct 2, 2023

Four Points by Sheraton Nashville Airport
800 Royal Parkway, Nashville, Tn. 37214

Thursday Sept 28, 2023

Check-in Four Points Nashville Airport
3pm Hospitality Room Opens
5:30pm Pizza, Wings and Meatballs
Free Time to Explore / Hospitality Room



Friday Sept 29, 2023

8:00am Motorcoach pick up at Hotel
8:30am RCA Studio Tour
10:15am Tn State Museum
12:00pm Lunch at Puckett's Restaurant
1pm-4:00pm Guided City Tour
5:30pm Dinner on Own
Hospitality Room Open



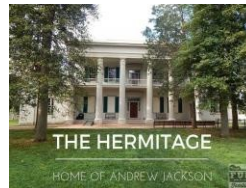
Saturday Sept 30, 2023

8:15am Motorcoach pick up at Hotel
9:00am Guided Andrew Jackson Mansion
11:15am Visit the Parthenon
12pm Luncheon and Tour of the
Country Music Hall of Fame
3:00pm Back to Hotel/Hospitality Rm
5:30pm Spaghetti Mtballs, Alfredo,



Sunday Oct 1, 2023

Business Meeting/Raffle for Hotel Nights
Free Day
Back to Hotel/Hosp Rm open until 3pm
5:30pm Banquet Dinner at VFW



Andrew Jackson
Mansion

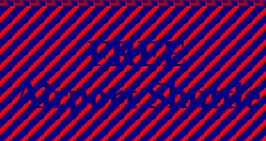
**Complete Reunion
Package Price
PER PERSON:
TWO in Room: \$592
ONE in Room: \$938**

Monday Oct 2, 2023

Depart for home or stay n' play



90% refunds for cancellations
with 48 hours notice providing
that the Attractions and Hotel
refund DeeTours.



**To Register please fill out Registration Form
and return it to our friends at DeeTours LLC.**

Po Box 6874, Branson, Mo 65615 - 417-527-0808

E-mail: Curtis.DeeTours@gmail.com

**\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is June 1, 2023
Balance Due Aug 10, 2023**

**Extra Nights
Lodging
\$162
Including Tax**

USS Dixie/USS Piedmont Reunion DATES: Sept 28, 2023 (Thur.) - Oct 2, 2023 (Mon.)

1 Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

2 YOUR ARRIVAL DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ YOUR DEPARTURE DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

3 LODGING - CIRCLE ONE: Do you prefer a KING or 2 QUEENS Handicap Needs: _____

4 Smoking ____ Non-Smoking _____ Wheel Chair Seating: Transfer to Aisle Seat? YES NO

5 AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE: FREE -Use Cell Phone -Call Hotel (615) 884-9777 and request Pick up
I, _____ (Herein Client) do hereby hold harmless from any claims DeeTours llc.
and all suppliers used in the final DeeTours llc. package.

Client Signature Date SHIP / Hull Number

\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is May 1, 2023 - Balance Due Aug 10, 2023

COMPLETE NASHVILLE TN PACKAGE: \$592 Per Person (2 in room) OR \$938 Per Person (1 in room)
EXTRA NIGHTS OF LODGING: \$162.00 (Includes tax & breakfast) All pricing listed includes tax

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	# of Persons	\$ per Person	Total Amount
FULL Package (see above listed prices)	_____	x \$ _____	= _____
# of EXTRA Room Nights	_____	x \$162.00	= _____
Member Dues	_____	x \$15 Only include \$15 per member	= _____

Special needs? Diet etc.

7 PAYMENT DUE: GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

8 Locals wanting Hospitality Rm Meals Only is \$18 pp/per meal
Banquet Only Cost: \$45pp

9 RETURN Completed form with payment to:

DeeTours LLC. 2864 Blush Dr. Lakeland, FL. 33813
All Checks to be payable to: **DeeTours**
For additional information call us at 417-527-0808

All Deposit and Balance
payments must be paid by check, cashiers check or money order
and mailed to the above address.

This Section to be completed by DeeTours upon receipt of payment(s)

DEPOSIT \$ _____ / _____ FINAL BAL \$ _____ / _____